

CHINESE HOLDING POSITION

Big Credit Agency Perfects Plan For Fund Distribution

Will Endeavor to Use All
Credit Facilities of U.
S. Government

USE RESERVE BANKS

Railroad Loans Must Be
Approved Before Com-
ing to Corporation

WASHINGTON.—(P)—The Recon-
struction Finance Corporation has
adopted a policy of decentralization
and will endeavor to use all of the
present credit facilities of the Federal
Government.

District Federal Reserve banks and
branches will be used as much as pos-
sible as they already have credit or-
ganizations and know intimately the
various local situations.

The old war finance corporation
which still has a skeleton organization
will also be used.

The board of directors Friday con-
ferred with M. J. Fleming, deputy
governor of the Federal Reserve Dis-
trict with headquarters in Cleveland,
Ohio, giving particular attention to
the Ohio banking situation.

It was decided by the board to con-
sider railroad loans only after they
were approved by the railway credit
corporation and all applications must
be approved by the Interstate Com-
merce Commission before coming be-
fore the Finance Corporation.

Guard Inspection to Be Held March 3

Major John D. Townsend
to Conduct Inspection
of Infantry Units

LITTLE ROCK.—(P)—Regular army
officers of the Seventh Corps Army
will start the annual inspection of the
Arkansas National Guard units Feb-
ruary 22 and complete it April 18.

Adjutant General E. L. Compere an-
nounced that the 153rd Infantry units
will be inspected first.

Captain Wilfred H. Steward will in-
spect the 142nd Field Artillery on the
following dates: Headquarters, First
Battalion, Prescott, April 14; medical
detachment, Hot Springs, April 15;
headquarters battery, combat train and
first battalion, Hazen, April 18.

Capt. Linton J. Hartman will in-
spect Battery A and B, Fayetteville,
April 12 and 13.

The 26th Coast Artillery (anti-air-
craft) inspection, also by Capt. Stew-
ard, will be on the following sched-
ule: Battery C, Jonesboro, March 31;
regimental headquarters, Marianna,
April 1; band section and service bat-
tery, Marianna, April 2; Battery B,
Monticello, April 4; headquarters de-
tachment, combat train and first bat-
talion, El Dorado, April 6; headquar-
ters detachment, second battalion,
Nashville, April 7; second battalion
headquarters and Battery H, Little
Rock, April 8.

Captain Hartman will inspect the
following units of the 153rd Infantry
as follows: Adjutant General's
staff, state detachment, Little Rock,
March 11; Headquarters, March 11;
Mena, February 29; Texarkana, March
3; Magnolia, March 4; Clarksville, March
7; Dardanelle, March 8; Russellville,
March 9; Conway, March 10; and Little
Rock, March 11.

Capt. Jesse P. Green will inspect
the following units of the 153rd In-
fantry: Pine Bluff, February 29; Hot
Springs, March 1; North Little Rock,
March 2; Forrest City, March 3; By-
theville, March 4; Hoxie, March 7;
Batesville, March 8; Searcy, March 9;
and Beebe, March 10.

Last year, and for the past few
inspections, the Arkansas National
Guard has received a rating of "Very
Satisfactory." That is the highest
rating bestowed by the Militia Bureau.

Fire Destroys Rural Residence

The Earl Thompson Home
Near Columbus Burns
Early Friday

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl
Thompson on the Hope-Columbus
highway about 19:30 Friday morning.

The family were working in the
garden when the blaze was discov-
ered.

Neighbors rushed to the scene but
nothing from the burning building
was saved.

First Photo of \$2,000,000,000, Board



Here are the men who will administer a government loan fund equal to approximately \$16 a piece for you, each member of your family and every other man, woman and child in the United States—Uncle Sam's \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction fund for curing the depression. The members of the new board are shown as they gathered at Washington to begin their work. Left to right: Paul Bester, the Federal Farm Board; Ogden Mills, undersecretary of the treasury; Harvey C. Couch, of Arkansas; Jesse C. Jones, of Texas; Ex-Ambassador Charles G. Dawes, chair-
man; Eugene Meyer, governor of the Federal Reserve Board. The picture was taken at their first meeting in Washington.

Air Liner Found With Eight Dead

Bodies Seen Huddled In-
side Charred Plane in
Tehachapi Canyon

LOS ANGELES.—(P)—Victim of a
terrible storm, the Century Pacific
cabin air liner which vanished a week
ago on route here from Bakersfield,
Cal., was found late Thursday in the
Tehachapi mountains, four miles
northwest of Lebec, a charred funeral
pyre holding the bodies of Pilot J. V.
Sandbloom and his seven passengers.

The wreckage was found by Paul
Apodaca, Tejon ranch worker, on the
north slope of Johnson canyon.

Apodaca said he could see what he
believed to be the bodies of the pas-
sengers in the cabin. A coroner was
en route to the scene from Bakers-
field.

The victims were:
Mrs. Margaret Fickelstein, San Diego;
Nita McGrath, 32, Berkeley (Cal.) bus-
iness woman; Miss Marie Sweeney
Combs, 18, Hollywood usherette; J.
H. Polhemus, 55, San Francisco, coffee
dealer; W. H. Smith, 40, San Francisco,
retired business man; Frank Dewar, 48,
chief deputy sheriff of Los Angeles;
Spencer Swan, 71, Pomona Cal.; J. V.
Sandbloom, 42, Glendale, Cal., the
pilot.

Sandbloom had a solo record of
more than 4,400 hours to his credit.
Stormy weather in the rugged
mountain area around Lebec, center of
the hunt, hampered searches almost
from the start.

Cotner Convicted on Banking Charge

President of Branch In-
stitution Given Year in
Prison

CHARLESTON, Ark.—(P)—J. S.
Cotner, former president of the closed
Bank of Branch, Thursday was con-
victed on three counts of accepting
deposits in an insolvent bank and
was sentenced to a year's imprison-
ment on each count, the sentences to
run concurrently.

Cotner was indicted on seven
counts but a defense demurrer was
sustained on two counts, he was ac-
quitted on one and found not guilty
by the jury on another.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



A waitress who falls down on
the job may be a smashing success.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON.—The Senate
passed a bill authorizing the
Missouri Pacific Railroad, The
Louisiana and Arkansas Railway
to construct a highway bridge at
Baton Rouge.

TOKYO.—Edward Hunter,
30, International News Service cor-
respondent, was reported captured
by the Chinese at Harbin a week
ago and has been missing since.

NEW YORK.—(P)—John E. Voor-
his, 102-year-old grand sachem of
Tammam Hall died Friday at his
home here.

NEW YORK.—(P)—Barney Drey-
fuss, president of the Pittsburgh
Pirates of the National League,
died Friday following an opera-
tion for glandular trouble. He
was 67 years old.

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Appoint-
ment of Andrew W. Mellon, to be
Ambassador to Great Britain, was
sent to the Senate Friday by
President Hoover.

Bloody Scenes in Chapei Described

Chinese Woman and Chil-
dren Slaughtered—
Dogs Attack Bodies

SHANGHAI.—(P)—An English and
two German families described five
days of horror after they escaped Fri-
day from the battle-wrecked Chapei
native section, where they witnessed
the first stages of fighting between
China and Japanese forces.

The seven foreigners were trapped
in their homes and forced to witness
scenes of death and destruction while
their lives were endangered.

The Japanese opened their attack
so suddenly that the families were
caught before they had a chance to
leave. They said appeals to Japanese
authorities were unavailing, and Jap-
anese marines stopped them with bay-
onets when they attempted to escape.

Fire started in the adjoining house,
forced them to flee finally into the
Japanese lines. They said they were
assisted across the lines through a
chance meeting with a Japanese
friend.

"The street was strewn with bodies,"
they said. "Yelping dogs tore them
apart. We shot to scare the dogs, but
they wouldn't stay away."

"We saw dark figures creep to a
house and set it afire. When the Chi-
nese residents ran from their burn-
ing houses, they were shot in their
tracks."

"We saw four Chinese, women and
children, fall to the ground as they
left their doorway."

"When the Chinese attempted to re-
move their dead they were assailed
with rifle and machine gun fire and
were forced to leave the bodies in the
street."

"Chinese were beaten, stabbed and
shot by Japanese. When the Japanese
retreated hundreds of Chinese looters
invaded the territory, burning and
destroying property."

Most of the houses around the refu-
gees homes were Japanese, they said.
Everything was destroyed even trees
and plants.

Hempstead Co. Poultry Association to Meet

The regular February meeting of
the Hempstead County Poultry As-
sociation will be held Monday night,
February 8th, at the Hope city hall.
All members are urged to be pres-
ent.

11-Cars of Freight Train Leave Track

No One Injured in Derail-
ment Between Little
Rock and Benton

LITTLE ROCK.—Eight cars of veg-
etables and three oil cars of Missouri
Pacific extra freight train No. 1421
were derailed, seven miles south of
Little Rock at 6:30 Thursday night.
No one was injured.

Most of the train, with a cargo of
vegetables from Texas to the East,
remained on the track. The locomotive
and tender did not leave the rails.
The 28th car of the train was the first
to derail and the 10 immediately be-
hind it followed.

An emergency call was sent to the
dispatcher's office and a wrecker crew
quickly assembled. Several hours
were spent clearing the wreckage,
which covered both main line tracks.

Other trains were routed over the
Rock Island tracks to and from Ben-
ton. Cause of the derailment was not
determined, but it was believed a
faulty truck of the 28th car gave way.

Judge J. C. Edwards Dies at Texarkana

Once Mayor and Circuit
Clerk Succumbs After
Long Illness

TEXARKANA.—Judge J. C. Edwards,
native of Miller county, former mayor
of Texarkana, Ark., and county judge,
died at 2:10 a. m. Thursday at the fam-
ily home, 947 Pecan street, after a
long illness.

Judge Edwards was born at Rondo,
Miller county, in 1864. He moved with
his parents to Texarkana in 1870 and
had lived here since.

He was elected mayor of Texarkana
in 1891, was county and probate judge
for eight years, served two terms as
circuit clerk and was president of the
Texarkana, Ark., school board.

He is survived by three daughters,
Mrs. Talbot Field, and Mrs. Ray H.
Booth, both of Texarkana; and Mrs.
Preston A. Meek, of Fort Smith; one
son, Thomas J. Edwards of Kelo, Wash.;
one sister, Mrs. W. B. Crouch,
of Nacogdoches, Texas; and three
grandchildren, Verna Florence Hintz,
of Mexico, Texas; Thomas Edward
Webster, of Texarkana; and Helen
Margaret Edwards, of Kelo, Wash.

Funeral services were held at 10
a. m. Friday at the family home, with
Rev. F. E. Maddux, pastor of the Con-
gregational church, officiating. Burial
was in the Masonic cemetery with
Masons in charge of services at the
grave.

Hancock's Orchestra to Play Engagement Here

Hogan Hancock and his New York
Revue, with the three Harrison sis-
ters, will be seen at the Senger
Theatre in person Monday, February
8th, in connection with the regular
picture program.

Hogan Hancock's Revue comes to
Hope from a tour of the leading the-
atres and ballrooms of America.

Presbyterian Students Urge Move Against War

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(P)—A letter cit-
ing Far Eastern hostilities and urging
student groups to join in a united
protest against any measure that
would involve this country in war
was sent Thursday to 200 colleges and
universities in the United States by
students of Louisville Presbyterian
Seminary.

Andrew Wallace; Rural Merchant, Found Unconscious

School Girl Finds Aged
Man on Floor of Store
Early Friday

HAD BEEN ATTACKED

Double Bit Ax, Stained
With Blood, Is the
Only Clue

Andrew Wallace, 70, storekeeper living
on the Patmos, Uley's Ferry road
about 14 miles south of Hope, was
rushed to the Julia Chesler hospital
Friday afternoon following what was
believed to be a murderous attack.

Hospital attendants reported the age-
man to be suffering from a compound
fracture of the skull. No hope for his
recovery was held by his physicians.

Wallace was found in an unconscious
condition, lying behind a counter in his
store about 8 o'clock Friday morn-
ing by a school girl.

A double bit axe was found beside
him, which had been splattered with
blood. Indications were that the aged
man had been struck on the head with
this instrument.

Sheriff John L. Wilson and several
of his deputies are investigating. Be-
lieving that robbery was the motive
for the attack.

The party of officers had not re-
turned to Hope at 2:50 Friday after-
noon.

Endorse McFaddin For Rotary Post

Hope Man Wins 4-Club
Support at Nashville
for Governorship

The candidacy of Edward F. Mc-
Faddin, prominent Rotarian and well
known attorney of Hope, for governor
of the 62nd district of Rotary Inter-
national, was formally presented at a
joint meeting of the Nashville, Ash-
down, DeQueen and Hope Rotary
Clubs, with the Nashville Club as
host, held at the Garner Hotel in
Nashville at 7:30 Thursday night.

The presentation speech was made
by Dr. W. R. Anderson, pastor of
First Presbyterian church, of Hope,
who extolled the high character of
Hope's candidate for this important
office, calling particular attention to
his outstanding service when Presi-
dent of the Hope Club, as an officer
in the military service overseas during
the world war, and as a private citi-
zen.

The election is to be held at the
district conference of Rotary Clubs
at Hot Springs in June. Rotarian
McFaddin's candidacy received the
hearty and unanimous endorsement
of the four clubs represented at the
meeting Thursday night.

The meeting was presided over by
President George Steel, of the Nash-
ville club, with Rotarian Bill Dorman
in charge of the program. The key-
note of the occasion was good will,
and each of the four clubs attending
was allotted a minimum of 15 minutes
during which to offer its share of the
program. These periods, presided over
by the respective club presidents, were
featured with addresses both enter-
taining and instructive, interspersed
with music and stunts.

There was an excellent attendance
on the part of each of the four clubs,
covers being laid for 65, and the Gar-
ner Hotel serving a most excellent
dinner. Before adjournment, Presi-
dent C. C. Spragins, of the Hope club,
invited the Nashville, Ashdown, and
DeQueen Clubs to come to Hope for an
inter-city meeting at an early date, for
which occasion invitations will also be
extended to the clubs at Stamps and
Prescott.

Quarrel Ends in Fatal Shooting

"Dock" Purifoy, 59, Cam-
den, Killed by Nephew,
Officers Says

CAMDEN, Ark.—(P)—J. R. Purifoy,
59, was shot to death here Thurs-
day in a store operated by his brother,
R. E. Purifoy. The slain man's
wife and a neighbor, Boyce Hunter, in
June, 1928.

W. B. McClain, 33, a house to house
salesman, said he saw Aiken several
times a few months ago when Aiken
was part owner of a cafe.

"Wednesday night I was looking
through that magazine and recognized
Aiken's picture," said McClain. "I
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there. I went to several places where
he had lived and finally located his
present address."

Gar Wood Again Claims Boat Record

Speed Boat Does 111.712
Miles Per Hour Over
Indian Creek Course

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(P)—Gar
Wood claimed a new world's speed
boat record Friday, with a two-way
average speed of 111.712 miles an hour
on the Indian Creek course here, with
his Miss America, 9th.

The old record of 110.233 is held by
Kayne Dop of England.

Loaded Chinese Troop Train



Trains are scarce and fighting men are plentiful in China. So when a
troop train starts for a scene of action it is loaded in this fashion, soldiers
even being crowded on the engine. It was in this way that 30,000 Chinese
troops were rushed to defend Nanking.

Return Big Purse To Local Woman

Mrs. M. J. Gleghorn Re-
covers \$360—Found by
12-Year-Old Boy

Publicity, officers, and an honest ci-
tizen found a purse containing \$360 for
Mrs. Mary Jane Gleghorn, 3 miles
south of Hope on the Lewisville
highway.

Mrs. Gleghorn was the owner of the
mysterious purse, advertised in
The Star and reported found by the
sheriff's office. Sheriff John L. Wil-
son originally said it contained "over
\$100.00," leaving the actual amount to
be revealed by the person who iden-
tified it. But there was really \$360, it
was announced Thursday night.

It was several days before Mrs.
Gleghorn discovered her loss, which
accounted for the mystery surrounding
the recovered purse. She kept her
large bills in a separate wallet, set
don't going into it. Somehow, while
on business in town, she dropped the
big wallet, not to discover its loss for
some time.

Meanwhile the wallet had been
found in Hope by Reader Parish, 12-
year-old son of Mrs. Anita Hill Parish,
South Walnut street. Mother and son
brought the big wallet to the sheriff's
office in the city hall, and then the
search began for its owner.

Mrs. Gleghorn was a grateful own-
er—and today young Reader Parish
has a nice crisp \$10 bill as his reward.

Picture Betrays Escaped Slayer

Condemned Murderer of
Wife and Neighbor
Found Remarried

HOUSTON, Tex.—(P)—Sam F. Aik-
en, 43, who 18 months ago saved his
way out of jail at Atlanta, Ga., where
he was awaiting execution for the
murder of his wife and a man, was
captured here late Thursday as the
result of a defective story magazine
picture.

He was arrested at his home here
where he was living with his wife,
whom he married about a year ago
under the name of Sam Shaw. Po-
lice officers were taken to the home
by a neighbor, who recognized his
picture.

Aiken admitted his identity and
signed a waiver of extradition.
Aiken was convicted of slaying his
wife and a neighbor, Boyce Hunter, in
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Japanese Fail to Gain Any Ground in 24-Hours Battle

Machine and Artillery
Bombardment Continuing
in Chapel Sector

UNIVERSITY BOMBED

Report of Japanese Plan
in Yangtze River is
Disputed

SHANGHAI.—(P)—Shanghai
past 24 hours of fighting. Jap-
anese observers agreed Friday
Chinese holding Chapei had
back the Japanese a little improve-
ment in their position slightly.

Furious bombardment with machine
guns and heavy artillery went on
interrupted early Friday morning
the front from the north station
Chapei and was scattered along the
Yangtze river clear down to
Fort, 40 miles from the Japanese
position.

Airplanes are flying in the
part in the engagement.

One Japanese ship has been
by a Chinese troop train moving
Chapei, killing an unidentified
ber. In this battle the Chinese
variously was bombed, breaking the
large building and setting fire to
eral others.

The master of a British ship
came in Thursday night and saw
a Japanese plane downed in the
Yangtze river, near Wootung.
A pilot in the cockpit seemed
injured.

Previously the Chinese had
downed a Japanese plane killing
airmen.

Smith to Issue Statement

Former Candidate Urged
to Decide Whether He
Will Enter Primary

NEW YORK.—(P)—Inquiries
all parts of the country have
former Gov. Alfred E. Smith
his friends said Thursday
should make a clear statement
whether he will be a candidate for
Democratic presidential nomina-
tion.

New York newspapers reported
this week that Smith had completed
a draft of his long awaited statement
and that its release date was to be
decided at a conference of leaders
opposed to Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

It was said it might be made
before the New Hampshire primary
early in March, at which supporters
both Smith and Roosevelt will be
candidates for membership in the
delegation to the national conven-
tion.

Although Smith has not authori-
use of his name in either the New
Hampshire primary or the Massa-
chusetts primary, which follows
afterward, he said today:

"No decision has been made about
anything. I'm just thinking it
all over."

Mayor James M. Curley of Boston
repeated his opinion that Roosevelt is
the logical candidate, and that the
people of Massachusetts do not take
seriously the movement to have Smith
enter the race.

Curley, who visited Governor Roo-
sevelt at Albany recently, said the
latter favored a national referendum
on the prohibition question.

"Perhaps I should quote Governor
Roosevelt," said Curley. "But I am
confident the governor's position on
the Volstead act will be acceptable to
the voters of the United States if the
governor becomes the Democratic
presidential candidate."

Texas Jail Breaker Held at Prescott

Sheriff E. H. Weaver Ident-
ifies Prisoner Through
Fingerprints

PRESOTT, Ark.—Sheriff E. H.
Weaver received notice from the
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.,
this week that Marvin M. Wilson, who
is being held in jail here, charged
with the robbery of W. A. Caudle's
store at Rodway, is an ex-convict
and wanted in Texas for robbery and
jail breaking.

Sheriff Weaver obtained this in-
formation through the finger print sys-
tem, which was installed by him about
a year ago. The sheriff has made it a
rule to finger print all parties who
are arrested by his force that are not
well known or cannot make proper
identification. He has been very suc-
cessful in identifying criminals want-
ed at other places by the means of
their finger prints. It is also a great
help in getting confessions from
boiled prisoners.

The County Judges—Boss for a Day

On account of their own roads being too bad to travel over, the county judges are holding court this winter in Little Rock.

Every time you pick up a newspaper nowadays you read where the judges just held another meeting.

They had one in Little Rock this week, but it was only a committee meeting—so not more than twenty or thirty were there.

The news came out Thursday, and as I write this it looks like the county roads might dry out enough so the judges could do their traveling around home and not have to go to Little Rock again for a whole week.

It's all very funny to the taxpayers.

And it would be funny to the judges, too, except that they are the particular brand of politician who is grabbing for money and can't see anything but stark, tragic disaster when they don't get it.

What's funny to the taxpayers is this:

A little over four years ago the State of Arkansas launched a bonded state road program in which the people were asked to stand an increased gasoline tax for which they would receive new highway construction and relief from the old improvement district taxes.

Here was something new. The judges weren't long sitting up the situation. They jumped onto the state, saying, "If this is his, we're going to get ours." They demanded, and got, a 12 1/2 per cent out on bond issues—and last year hijacked the legislature for an additional cent on the gasoline tax.

The people of Arkansas met these demands with a head bumpy but unbowed. They guessed what was happening. The political office boys from out in the seventy-five counties had taken the state capital by storm. With cajolery and threats and compromise they made themselves boss for a day!

I leave it to your imagination to picture the scene in the Arkansas legislature—the county judges of the seventy-five counties bringing pressure to bear against vacillating and timid law-makers. Apparently it did not occur to the legislators that these gentlemen as mere county officials had no standing in Little Rock, and should have been present only by invitation. This did not occur to the law-makers—or if it did, they chose not to make a potent political enemy in official circles back home; and they gave in.

We have it from the record of the criminal conviction of Judge William Sibeck, of Pulaski county, that the president of the County Judges association, J. G. Ragsdale, of Union, contributed \$2,500 to the \$17,300 slush fund which put over the 6-cent gas tax. Ragsdale refusing to talk, we are left to presume that this was a jack-pot gotten up by all the county judges. It was worth their while to do so. Judge L. F. Higason, of our own county, thought enough of it to attend the lobby meeting at Little Rock a year ago—and while he says he voted against the 6-cent tax, you will note that the tax became a law and that \$17,000 additional was returned to Hempstead county last year, to be spent by Judge Higason, \$1,500 of it for his own salary.

The county judges were boss for a day—but what a headache the next morning! The Pulaski county fund and the 6-cent gas tax are going to heat three-quarters of the judges up for election this August.

Their justification of the outrage committed at Little Rock would be laughable even in normal times—and with the private citizen laboring against a mountain of debt, they will be lucky to get a hearing at all.

A sample of the stuff the judges are using to defend the extra-cent gas tax, appears in what Judge J. Q. Hill, of Pope county, said after this week's committee meeting:

"If the Highway Department wants to take the one-cent tax I am in favor of giving it the three-mill county road tax also and requiring the state to maintain all public roads of every type, regardless of location. The three-mill tax in my county will not replace culverts and small bridges as rapidly as heavily loaded trucks and speeding automobiles destroy them."

Another committee spokesman said that the judges were only trying to do what the newspapers and the state administration had advocated for several years—build farm-to-market roads.

In both statements the county judges' committee is guilty of deceit and treachery.

Judge Hill talks as though traffic conditions on the county roads had changed all of a sudden since 1927. You know that they haven't. Beginning with the Martineau road legislation in 1927, the county judges began to draw a gasoline turn-back fund from the state. This amounted to \$25,000 a year in Hempstead county. Did this build any county roads that you know of?

In 1931 the turn-back—aided by the 6-cent gasoline tax—jumped to \$45,000. Did this build any county roads? Hempstead county has received back from the state government \$100,000 in road money in the last three years, on top of the \$17,000 a year from the 3-mill road tax—an average of more than \$50,000 a year.

Five years ago the road revenue of Hempstead was only the 3-mill tax, \$17,000. What county roads has \$50,000 a year built that \$17,000 a year didn't build?

As for the farm-to-market road program, the judges themselves have smashed it. Typical of locally-minded politicians, they grabbed the money and let the construction go.

You, reading this newspaper the last three years, know what the original farm-to-market program was—a turnback fund from the state, to be administered by a county road commission, an honorary body with the county judge as ex-officio member. The county commission would have hired or borrowed state engineers. The commission would have held the purse-strings.

This didn't suit the county judges. They didn't want to build roads. All they wanted was enough money to shovel enough gravel in front of enough voters' homes to get themselves re-elected.

They defeated the state program, and engaged in the sordid business of building up a slush fund to put through the legislature a new high tax for their own new high salaries and for the benefit of their local political machine.—

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Here was something new. The judges weren't long sitting up the situation. They jumped onto the state, saying, "If this is his, we're going to get ours." They demanded, and got, a 12 1/2 per cent out on bond issues—and last year hijacked the legislature for an additional cent on the gasoline tax.

The people of Arkansas met these demands with a head bumpy but unbowed. They guessed what was happening. The political office boys from out in the seventy-five counties had taken the state capital by storm. With cajolery and threats and compromise they made themselves boss for a day!

I leave it to your imagination to picture the scene in the Arkansas legislature—the county judges of the seventy-five counties bringing pressure to bear against vacillating and timid law-makers. Apparently it did not occur to the legislators that these gentlemen as mere county officials had no standing in Little Rock, and should have been present only by invitation. This did not occur to the law-makers—or if it did, they chose not to make a potent political enemy in official circles back home; and they gave in.

We have it from the record of the criminal conviction of Judge William Sibeck, of Pulaski county, that the president of the County Judges association, J. G. Ragsdale, of Union, contributed \$2,500 to the \$17,300 slush fund which put over the 6-cent gas tax. Ragsdale refusing to talk, we are left to presume that this was a jack-pot gotten up by all the county judges. It was worth their while to do so. Judge L. F. Higason, of our own county, thought enough of it to attend the lobby meeting at Little Rock a year ago—and while he says he voted against the 6-cent tax, you will note that the tax became a law and that \$17,000 additional was returned to Hempstead county last year, to be spent by Judge Higason, \$1,500 of it for his own salary.

The county judges were boss for a day—but what a headache the next morning! The Pulaski county fund and the 6-cent gas tax are going to heat three-quarters of the judges up for election this August.

Their justification of the outrage committed at Little Rock would be laughable even in normal times—and with the private citizen laboring against a mountain of debt, they will be lucky to get a hearing at all.

A sample of the stuff the judges are using to defend the extra-cent gas tax, appears in what Judge J. Q. Hill, of Pope county, said after this week's committee meeting:

"If the Highway Department wants to take the one-cent tax I am in favor of giving it the three-mill county road tax also and requiring the state to maintain all public roads of every type, regardless of location. The three-mill tax in my county will not replace culverts and small bridges as rapidly as heavily loaded trucks and speeding automobiles destroy them."

Another committee spokesman said that the judges were only trying to do what the newspapers and the state administration had advocated for several years—build farm-to-market roads.

In both statements the county judges' committee is guilty of deceit and treachery.

Judge Hill talks as though traffic conditions on the county roads had changed all of a sudden since 1927. You know that they haven't. Beginning with the Martineau road legislation in 1927, the county judges began to draw a gasoline turn-back fund from the state. This amounted to \$25,000 a year in Hempstead county. Did this build any county roads that you know of?

In 1931 the turn-back—aided by the 6-cent gasoline tax—jumped to \$45,000. Did this build any county roads? Hempstead county has received back from the state government \$100,000 in road money in the last three years, on top of the \$17,000 a year from the 3-mill road tax—an average of more than \$50,000 a year.

Five years ago the road revenue of Hempstead was only the 3-mill tax, \$17,000. What county roads has \$50,000 a year built that \$17,000 a year didn't build?

As for the farm-to-market road program, the judges themselves have smashed it. Typical of locally-minded politicians, they grabbed the money and let the construction go.

You, reading this newspaper the last three years, know what the original farm-to-market program was—a turnback fund from the state, to be administered by a county road commission, an honorary body with the county judge as ex-officio member. The county commission would have hired or borrowed state engineers. The commission would have held the purse-strings.

This didn't suit the county judges. They didn't want to build roads. All they wanted was enough money to shovel enough gravel in front of enough voters' homes to get themselves re-elected.

They defeated the state program, and engaged in the sordid business of building up a slush fund to put through the legislature a new high tax for their own new high salaries and for the benefit of their local political machine.—

Columbus

The Columbus Chamber of Commerce was the sponsor of a lovely birthday dinner given Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Egan, near Columbus. The dinner table was centered with a large white cake bearing eighty-three candles. Covers were laid for Mrs. Maggie Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Egan, Clarence Egan, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Griffin of Hope, Mrs. Ruth Chambers, George Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Clendenin.

Mrs. C. E. Collins is attending the bedside of her son, Charlie who is very sick in Saratoga.

Emory Thompson of Fulton was a recent business visitor here.

R. M. Lagrone of Hope was a visitor here last week looking after his home.

R. T. Bryant of Hope was here last week looking after his farm.

Mrs. Joe Wilson and baby Emily have returned from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lewis at Washington.

L. D. Springer of Hope was a recent visitor here.

Rev. Leonard of Washington filled his appointment here Sunday at the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers of Mineral Springs were visitors here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jackson were visitors to Hope Saturday.

Miss Mildred Johnson of Uesh, Mo., is visiting with Mrs. J. S. Wilson, Sr.

Miss Mary Gaines Autrey and Mrs. ...

Announcements

This notice is published to inform the following citizens subject to action of the Democratic primary election August 9, 1932.

HEMPSTEAD COUNTY

For Sheriff
BIRCH SUTTON

For City Clerk
FRED WEBB

For City Attorney
PAT CASEY

For Alderman
Ward One
L. C. GLENN HELMS
BENNIE BENTON
ROY ANDERSON

Ward Two
ROY STEPHENSON
L. A. KEITH

Ward Four
CLYDE A. MONTS
IRA HALLIBURTON
A. M. McKAMEY

R. C. Stuart have returned from a visit with relatives in Texarkana. Mrs. E. N. Evans has returned to her home in Shreveport after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Egan.

Do You Remember?

Ed. McClain, who has been in the books for Reed Bros., old Montgomery, Ashdown, where he has accepted a position.

Miss Norma Hill, of Columbus, was a guest at the Barlow Sunday.

Will Ethridge, of Foreman, is visiting his brother, W. H. Ethridge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bountree Yates have gone to California, after a visit to relatives here, having seen to their oil interests near Rocky Mount.

Chas. N. Trimble, president of the Washington State Bank, as Washington, was in Hope on business this morning.

Reading the writing on the wall, "Fuddler" Jim Davis turned wet. Which makes him a bigger puddler.

BARB'S

Hitler is going to choose wives for members of his personal corps. And when he's at it, he might as well choose weapons, too.

It is necessary to use airplanes in Africa to hunt for copper. That's no place for gold diggers.

According to custom, Korean men must pass their wives on the street as if they were strangers. The only difference here is that American men walk with their wives.

A scientist has succeeded in measuring a 600 millionth of a second. Just the measure of time for a Seikhan to change his mind after learning there's a catch in it.

British believe France and Japan have an understanding. If they have, it's too deep for the rest of the world.

Cash Goes Begging

TULSA, Okla.—Giving money away is turning out to be a hard job for County Treasurer A. L. Carmichael. He has \$130,000 in 1932 tax refunds to distribute, but the claimants are slow in collecting.

Proud!



Resting on his laurels is this prize-winning rooster selected at the recent Boston Poultry Show. This tyrant of the barnyard won his honors in the boys' division, and is being shown by Thomas Yoeman of Walpole, Mass.

Bomb Is Hawk

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—A package found its way through the mails to the local postoffice. From the package came ominous sounds. Officials, suspecting a bomb, opened the package carefully and found a chicken hawk. The scratching of the bird on the sides of the case in which it was imprisoned led officials to suspect a bomb.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Chancery Court of Hempstead County, made and entered on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1931 in a certain cause (No. 2462) then pending therein between The Federal Land Bank of St. Louis, Missouri, a corporation, complainant, and W. A. Nash, et al, defendants, the undersigned as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the front door of entrance of the Court House at Washington, Arkansas, in the County of Hempstead, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Thursday, the 25th day of February, A. D. 1932, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), and the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20), in Township Thirteen (13) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, and: Also begin at quarter Section corner between Sections Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20), in Township Thirteen (13) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, run thence South along the Section line between said Sections Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20), Three (3) chains and ten (10) links to the point of beginning, run thence South along said Section line sixteen (16) chains and Ninety (90) links to the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Nineteen (19), run thence due West one (1) chain and twenty-four (24) links to center of Hope, Shaver Springs and Falcon Road, thence North along the center of said Public Road eighteen (18) chains and seventy-nine (79) links, thence East along the Southern boundary line of a parcel of land heretofore sold to J. M. Reese, and parallel with the Northern boundary line of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Nineteen (19), Eight (8) chains and seventy-six (76) links to the point of beginning, being all that part of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Nineteen (19) lying East of Hope, Shaver Springs and Falcon Road, except four (4) acres on the North end heretofore conveyed to J. M. Reese, and containing in the aggregate 128 1/4 acres, more or less, in Hempstead County, Arkansas.

TERMS OF SALE: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute a bond as required by law and the order and decree of said Court in said cause, with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Given under my hand this 9th day of February, A. D. 1932.

WILLIE HARRIS
Commissioner of Chancery.

"Why Mothers Get Gray"



AND JUST WHEN I THOUGHT IT WAS GETTING HIM TO SLEEP!

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It's the worry about the future. The thought of the child growing up and the responsibility of providing for them. The constant pressure of the world's demands. The fear of the unknown. The burden of the past. The weight of the future. The endless cycle of life and death. The struggle for survival. The quest for meaning. The search for happiness. The journey of a thousand miles. The path of a single drop. The echo of a single cry. The whisper of a single breath. The heartbeat of a single soul. The pulse of a single life. The rhythm of a single world. The melody of a single universe. The symphony of a single existence. The harmony of a single moment. The dissonance of a single thought. The cacophony of a single dream. The silence of a single truth. The noise of a single lie. The light of a single hope. The darkness of a single despair. The fire of a single passion. The ice of a single indifference. The wind of a single change. The rain of a single sorrow. The sun of a single joy. The moon of a single mystery. The stars of a single wonder. The galaxies of a single awe. The universe of a single existence. The world of a single moment. The life of a single breath. The love of a single heart. The death of a single soul. The rebirth of a single spirit. The resurrection of a single faith. The redemption of a single sin. The salvation of a single soul. The damnation of a single heart. The glory of a single triumph. The shame of a single defeat. The honor of a single victory. The dishonor of a single loss. The pride of a single ego. The humility of a single spirit. The arrogance of a single mind. The modesty of a single heart. The selfishness of a single soul. The generosity of a single act. The greed of a single desire. The kindness of a single word. The cruelty of a single deed. The honesty of a single truth. The dishonesty of a single lie. The loyalty of a single friend. The betrayal of a single enemy. The courage of a single stand. The cowardice of a single retreat. The bravery of a single fight. The timidity of a single flight. The strength of a single arm. The weakness of a single leg. The power of a single voice. The impotence of a single silence. The wisdom of a single thought. The foolishness of a single action. The knowledge of a single truth. The ignorance of a single lie. The understanding of a single heart. The misunderstanding of a single soul. The compassion of a single act. The lack of compassion of a single deed. The empathy of a single word. The lack of empathy of a single deed. The sympathy of a single thought. The lack of sympathy of a single action. The tolerance of a single person. The intolerance of a single group. The acceptance of a single truth. The rejection of a single lie. The inclusion of a single soul. The exclusion of a single heart. The embrace of a single person. The rejection of a single group. The love of a single person. The hate of a single group. 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SOCIETY NEWS

Mr. Sid Henry Telephone 821

It is enough when tottering by the roadside on a hill. There comes a man whose eyes are filled with tears. Who sees the rocks on which he stumbles, not view below; Who would be strong, but that his heart is weak with fears. Would walk erect, but that his shoulders are bowed with woes. His sorrow is not yours, and need not be; Carry not his load, but show him how to bear. The burden life has given. Sing not his song. But put music in his heart, and when it's there Teach him to sing alone, then walk along. With him a step or two until his feet have found the road. Tell him the precipice he feared when seen by light of day, 's just the roadway stretching toward the lighted skies. And showing thus you give the love that lights his way. That is enough. That is to see—to have—to live. —Selected.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert White of Chicago, are spending a few days with friends in the city, en route to their farm, recently purchased on the Lewisville highway, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Charles Haynes, Mrs. J. A. Henry, Mrs. R. T. White and Mrs. Ralph Routhon motored to Texarkana Friday to attend the funeral of the late Judge Edwards, who passed away

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LIQUID—TABLETS—SALVE
666 Liquid or Tablets used internally and 666 Salve externally, make a complete and effective treatment for Colds. MOST SPEEDY REMEDIES KNOWN.

LAST TIMES FRIDAY
The Year's Biggest Laff
"Manhattan Parade"
—With—
SMITH & DALE
WINNIE LIGHTNER
CHAS. BUTTERWORTH

SAENGER
—SATURDAY—
DOUBLE PROGRAM
Bob Custer
—In—
"Law of the Rio Grande"
—Also—
Leon Janney
—In—
"Penrod and Sam"

—ON THE STAGE—
HOGAN HANCOCK
And His New Yorkers
—With—
Phelps Estes
REVUE
23 ARTISTS 23
NEW SONG, NEW LAFFS
NEW DANCES
YOUTH, CHARM, PEP
SAENGER
Monday

INCONGRUOUS!
Bekimos don't wear straw hats, nor do wise men in warm climates leave their insurance arrangements until after a costly fire or wind storm has polished off the old homestead. They insure with us before disaster comes.
Ray Anderson & Co.

Refugees and Rising Waters in Spotlight

MEMPHIS.—(P)—Dwellers of the lower Mississippi valley Thursday observed their time between fighting tributary floods and caring for refugees, meanwhile keeping an apprehensive watch on the steady rise of the big river, itself.

Louisiana and the Mississippi delta still bore the brunt of the high waters but four other southern states experienced trouble with rain swollen rivers and streams.

The Mississippi river was out of its banks enough to wash over bottom lands at several points in the lower valley country but although it was rising, rivermen said as yet it presented no major danger.

At Greenwood in the Mississippi delta, more than 100 convicts were held in reserve to protect levees against the rising Yazoo which lapped within a few inches of the top of the barriers. Clarksville, Miss., churches sent \$3000 worth of food, bedding, clothes and cash to Sumner, Webb, Glendora and surrounding districts in the Delta flood area.

Many Prison Sentences Given in Clark County

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Johnnie Hill, negro pleaded guilty to burglary and grand larceny in Clark county circuit court Wednesday and was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary. Simmie Ritchie and Norvel Bray pleaded guilty to burglary and grand larceny and were each given two years for burglary and one for grand larceny, sentence to run concurrently.

James H. Bennett to Preach at Zion Church
The Rev. James H. Bennett of this city announces that he will preach at Zion church, near Zan at 2:30 Saturday, 7 o'clock Saturday night and 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Lost Everything
LOS ANGELES.—Strip poker playing isn't so bad when you lose your trousers. Walter Stires opines, but when someone steals \$40 from them after you lose them, it's time to call a halt to the game. He sent an urgent call for help and, when police arrived, they found three women and two men in various stages of attire.

The Last Drop
DURANT, Okla.—A whole volume of the life of some man appeared in a couple of lines typewritten on a worn dollar bill received at the Durant National Bank here. The bill bore the following message: "The last of a \$100,000 fortune spent on wine, women and song."

At the Saenger

"Penrod and Sam" the First National picture which comes to the Saenger Theatre features more than a score of youngsters, the cast being headed by Leon Janney and Junior Coghlan, in the title roles. The popularity of pictures of this type shows the dangerous rivalry which older players have to meet in the present day.

The new competition comes from the youngsters who for years have been hanging on the fringe of the screen, supported there by fond mothers and ambitious fathers, hopeful that their offspring might get the lucky shove that would swing them up to the heights once realized by Jackie Coogan and Baby Peggy.

But today there is no fringe-hanging. Boys and girls from six to sixteen have the greatest opportunity Hollywood ever has offered to reap a harvest of motion picture dollars, and the dads and mamas are swinging the scythes with a wide and free hand.

The turn of the juvenile tide is the result of the success at the box office of such pictures as "Father's Son" and "Penrod and Sam." For years the film producers looked upon pictures with an all-child cast as a novelty and a gamble, and very few were attempted. The apparent success of children's comedies was taken as proof that the two-reel field was the one best bet for juvenile players in juvenile stories, and no picture maker was willing to take the chance of features picture investment in that field. Now this has changed and with this rush for child story material there naturally has followed an unprecedented demand for child actors.

The effects of it are felt in many quarters. Central Casting Bureau, source of supply for all extras and bit players used by the various studios, has increased by twenty-five per cent its lists of available child talent. Schools of dramatic instruction, and there are many in Hollywood, report a double enrollment of children entered by parents who hope that by brief training their child may become fitted for a screen career. All casting offices interview twice as many children as they did six months ago.

Mayor of Arkadelphia Will Seek Re-Election

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Mayor C. E. Bailey has announced his candidacy for re-election, having already served two terms. The city election is April 4. W. V. Rogers and R. R. Hule are other candidates for mayor.

Floyd Ward, Clark county circuit clerk today announced his candidacy for the office of county tax assessor, subject to the democratic primary of next August. Joe B. Lucy Thursday announced for the same office which at present is held by W. H. Langston.

B. W. Fincher incumbent, has announced for re-election to the office of county and probate clerk of Clark county.

Bluecoats Are Coming

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—"A modern Paul Revere," mounted on a motorcycle, was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of vagrancy here by Judge John P. McCoy. He is William Nason.

CASH AND CARRY PRICES
For Saturday and Monday

Crackers, 2 lb. box...18c
Canova Coffee, lb...24c
Jello, 3 pkgs.21c
Apricots, 1 lb. can...21c
(Two Jello Moulds Free)
Palm Olive Beads
3 packages.....25c

ROBISON
Grocery Co.
Fourth and Washington

see 22, who, it is said, was seen on his motorcycle when he was riding to make a liquor raid on any particular vicinity. In a noisy voice, he would cry out, "the police are coming," warning bootleggers to dump their "moon."

Not A Nice Joke

EL PASO, Texas.—Mrs. C. M. Anthony doesn't like the kind of jokes that someone likes to play. When she went out on her porch to get the morning's milk she found a tombstone there. It was taken from a cemetery, and bore the inscription "Jim Yoda, in memory of your wife and sons."

We wish to express our sympathy to our friends and acquaintances on the death of Mrs. M. V. Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Smith and family.

Mrs. Maggie Smith and family.

Mrs. Emma Smith and family.

Mrs. M. V. Smith and family.

Could Be Surprised!



CHINA AND JAPAN ARE NOT AT WAR!

And We Can Prove It!

We are showing the new Spring Wash Dresses at the Ladies Specialty Shop. We're always ready and willing to serve you with the newest and smartest in dresses, coats, shoes and other togs—at thrifty prices.

LADIES SPECIALTY SHOP
LADIES READY TO WEAR MILLINERY SHOES NOVELTIES
IT'S SMART TO BE THRIFTY
106 SOUTH ELM ST. HOPE, ARK. PHONE 100

SAVE MORE ON YOUR FOODS
SHOP AT A&P

The entire line of fancy and staple groceries are priced at rock bottom. Before you buy your food requirements get A&P's prices. Watch our windows for specials on staples Lard, Sugar, and Flour.

SUGAR—pure cane, 10 Lbs.	48c	20 Lbs.	96c
CABBAGE—medium size, green heads	5 lbs		14c
PINTO BEANS	10 pounds		37c
BANANAS—golden yellow fruit	2 lbs.		9c
ECONOMY OATS—56 oz. package			12c
Quaker Maid Ketchup—	Small Bottle 8c	2 Large Bottles	25c
LETTUCE—firm crisp heads—each			5c
Van Camp's Hominy	2 medium cans		9c
K. C. Baking Powder—5 lb. can	60c	25 oz. can	19c
Seedless Raisins	7 oz. Box 5c	Tomatoes	2 No. 2 Cans 15c
One 8 oz. Jar A&P Peanut Butter; one 16 oz. Loaf Grandmother's Bread	Both for 17c	RED POTATOES	10 Lbs. 16c
NATIONAL BISCUIT CO. SPECIALS		A & P COFFEE	8 O'Clock, lb.....19c Red Circle, lb.....25c Bokar, lb.....29c
2 Lb. Box Crackers...19c Chocolate Cakes, lb. 19c		GRANDMOTHER'S BREAD	16 oz. Loaf White or Whole Wheat... 5c
WHITE HOUSE MILK—3 Tall or 6 Small cans			19c

MARKET SPECIALS

SLICED BREAKFAST BACON	pound	15c
Beef Round Steak	Lb.	15c
Pig Liver	2 Lbs.	15c
100% Pure Pork SAUSAGE	2 pounds	15c
Picnic Hams—shankless—4 to 6 lb. average—lb.		12c
Seven Steak	Pound	12c
SPARE RIBS	2 pounds	19c

LAST DAY

Ward's store closes for the last time tomorrow night!

Everything must be sold tomorrow!

Costs forgotten—prices slashed!

Be here for last-minute bargains!

Everything goes!

MONTGOMERY WARD & Co.

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The County Judges—Boss for a Day

ON account of their own roads being too bad to travel over, the county judges are holding court this winter in Little Rock.

Every time you pick up a newspaper nowadays you read where the judges just held another meeting.

They had one in Little Rock this week, but it was only a committee meeting—so not more than twenty or thirty were there.

The sun came out Thursday, and as I write this it looks like the county roads might dry out enough so the judges could do their traveling around home and not have to go to Little Rock again for a whole week.

It's all very funny to the taxpayers.

And it would be funny to the judges, too, except that they are the particular brand of politician who is grabbing for money and can't see anything but stark, tragic disaster when they don't get it.

What's funny to the taxpayers is this:

A little over four years ago the State of Arkansas launched a bonded state road program in which the people were asked to stand an increased gasoline tax for which they would receive new highway construction and relief from the old improvement district taxes.

Here was something new. The judges weren't long sizing up the situation. They jumped onto the state, saying, "If this is pie, we're going to get ours."

They demanded, and got, a 12 1/2 per cent cut on bond issues—and last year hijacked the legislature for an additional cent on the gasoline tax.

The people of Arkansas met these demands with a head bloody but unbowed. They guessed what was happening. The political office boys from out in the seventy-five counties had taken the state capital by storm. With cajolery and threats and compromise they made themselves boss for a day!

I leave it to your imagination to picture the scene in the Arkansas legislature—the county judges of the seventy-five counties bringing pressure to bear against vacillating and timid law-makers. Apparently it did not occur to the legislators that these gentlemen as mere county officials had no standing in Little Rock, and should have been present only by invitation.

This did not occur to the law-makers—or if it did, they chose not to make a potent political enemy in official circles back home; and they gave in.

We have it from the record of the criminal conviction of Judge William Sibeck, of Pulaski county, that the president of the County Judges association, J. G. Ragsdale, of Union, contributed \$2,500 to the \$17,300 slush fund which put over the 6-cent gas tax.

Ragsdale refusing to talk, we are left to presume that this was a jack-pot gotten up by all the county judges. It was worth their while to do so. Judge L. F. Higasson, of our own county, thought enough of it to attend the lobby meeting at Little Rock a year ago—and while he says he voted against the 6-cent tax, you will note that the tax became a law and that \$17,000 additional was returned to Hempstead county last year, to be spent by Judge Higasson, \$1,500 of it for his own salary.

The county judges were boss for a day—but what a

headache the next morning! The Pulaski County fund and the 6-cent gas tax are going to beat three-quarters of the judges up for election this August.

Their justification of the outrages committed at Little Rock would be laughable even in normal times—and with the private citizen laboring against a mountain of debt, they will be lucky to get a hearing at all.

A sample of the stuff the judges are using to defend the extra-cent gas tax, appears in what Judge J. G. Hill, of Pope county, said after this week's committee meeting:

"If the Highway Department wants to take the one-cent tax I am in favor of giving it the three-mill county road tax also and requiring the state to maintain all public roads of every type, regardless of location. The three-mill tax in my county will not replace culverts and small bridges as rapidly as heavily loaded trucks and speeding automobiles destroy them."

Another committee spokesman said that the judges were only trying to do what the newspapers and the state administration had advocated for several years—build farm-to-market roads.

In both statements the county judges' committee is guilty of deceit and treachery.

Judge Hill talks as though traffic conditions on the county roads had changed all of a sudden since 1927. You know that they haven't. Beginning with the Martineau road legislation in 1927, the county judges began to draw a gasoline turn-back fund from the state. This amounted to \$28,000 a year in Hempstead county. Did this build any county roads that you know of?

In 1931 the turn-back—aided by the 6-cent gasoline tax—jumped to \$45,000. Did this build any county roads?

Hempstead county has received back from the state government \$100,000 in road money in the last three years, on top of the \$17,000 a year from the 3-mill road tax—an average of more than \$50,000 a year.

Five years ago the road revenue of Hempstead was only the 3-mill tax, \$17,000. What county roads has \$50,000 a year built that \$17,000 a year didn't build?

As for the farm-to-market road program, the judges themselves have smashed it. Typical of locally-minded politicians, they grabbed the money and let the construction go.

You, reading this newspaper the last three years, know what the original farm-to-market program was—a turn-back fund from the state, to be administered by a county road commission, an honorary body with the county judge as ex-officio member. The county commission would have hired or borrowed state engineers. The commission would have held the purse-strings.

This didn't suit the county judges. They didn't want to build roads. All they wanted was enough money to shovel enough gravel in front of enough voters' homes to get themselves re-elected.

They defeated the state program, and engaged in the sordid business of building up a slush fund to put through the legislature a new high tax for their own new high salaries and for the benefit of their local political machine.

Do You Remember?

Ed. McClain, who has been...

books for Red Bros. gift...

Miss Norma Hill, of Colum...

Will Ethridge, of Foreman...

TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. Alex Avery and Mrs. M...

Mr. and Mrs. John Rountree...

Chas. N. Trimble, president...

Reading the writing on the...

BARBS

Hitler is going to choose...

It is necessary to use air...

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Cash Goes Begging

TULSA, Okla.—Giving mon...

Proud!



Resting on his laurels is...

Bomb Is Hawk

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—A pack...

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN...

Twenty (20), in Township...

"Why Mothers Get Gray"



Columbus

Mrs. Margaret Clendenin was...

Rev. Leonard of Washington...

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers of...

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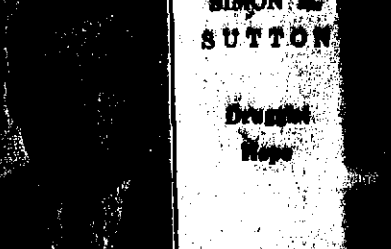
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Pond's Announcements

The War is scheduled to...

HEMPSTEAD COUNTY

For Sheriff



For City Clerk

FRED WEBB

For City Attorney

PAT CASEY

For Alderman

Ward One

L. C. (LEX) HELMS

BENNIE BENTON

ROY ANDERSON

Ward Two

ROY STEPHENSON

L. A. KEITH

Ward Four

CLYDE A. MONTS

IRA HALLIBURTON

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M SYSTEM STORES

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED

It's Saving Time. Select the Foods for your Sunday Dinner at the M System and save money.

Pure Cane

Sugar 45c

Golden Yellow

Bananas 4c

Fancy California

Oranges 12 1/2c

Niggerhead 10c

Oysters—can 6 1/2c

Potted 5c

MEAT, 2 cans 6c

Full No. 2 Size 6c

Tomatoes—can

FREE! Betty Crocker's

CAKE SERVER

With One Package of

GOLD MEDAL

CAKE FLOUR 25c

Good Weight and Quality

Brooms 19c

MILK—6 small 20c

Chum Salmon 10c

or 3 large cans 20c

Tall can

"Mrs. Winston" Peanut

Butter 14c

QUART JAR 24c

4 Lb. Bucket 33c

8 Lb. Bucket 57c

Savings All the Time—Your Patronage Solicited.

Meat Market Savings

HAMS 14c

BACON 19c

PICNICS 12 1/2c

CHEESE 16 1/2c

SPARE RIBS 10c

BEEF STEW 3 Lbs. 20c

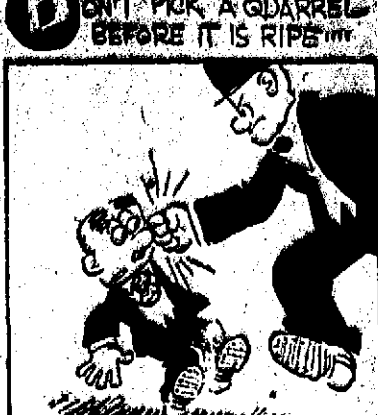
Pork Shoulder Roast 12c

ST. LOUIS



ANY A WOMAN WILL DYE BEFORE SHE LETS A GREY HAIR SHOW.

LOTTA HOKUM



YOU CAN'T FOOL THE PUBLIC!
THANKS TO MARY WATSON, ELMIRO, NY.

SIDE GLANCES

By George Clark

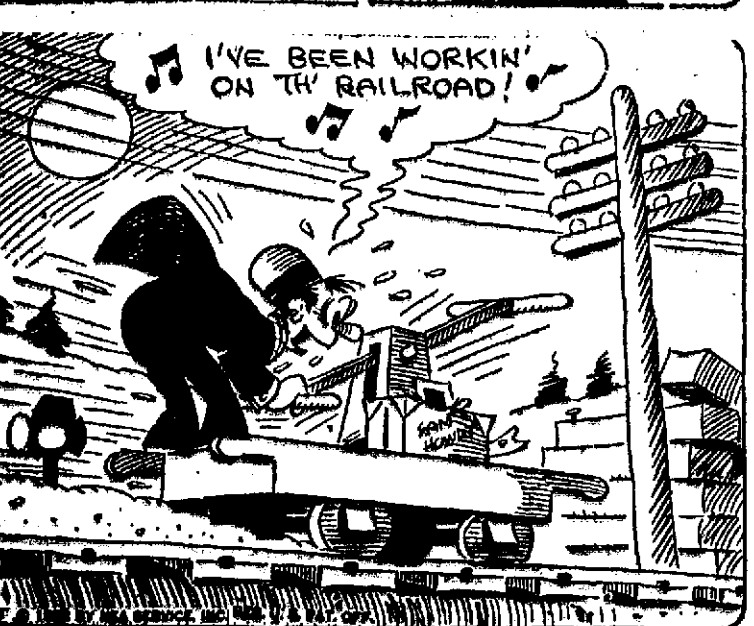
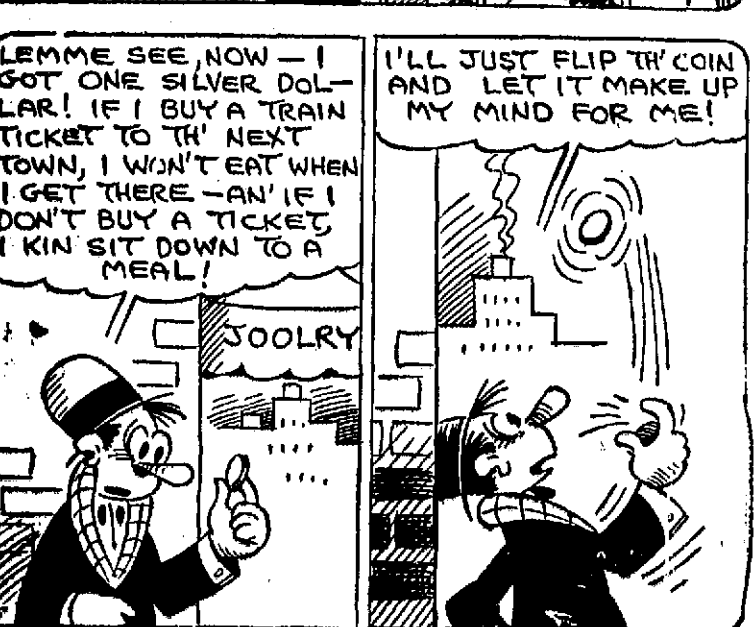
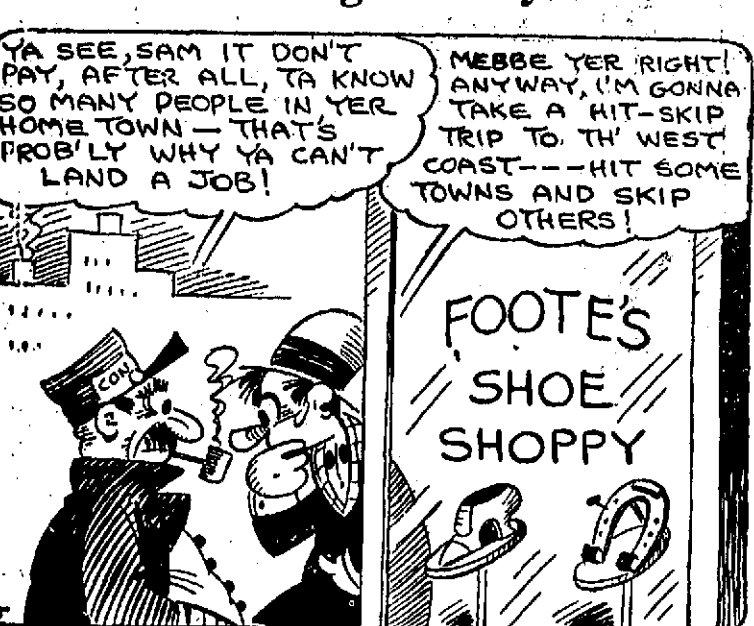


"They're only second-cousins, but most people take them for sisters."

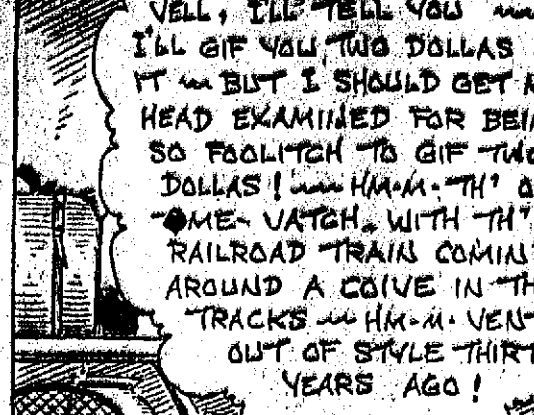
SALESMAN SAM

By Small

Working His Way!

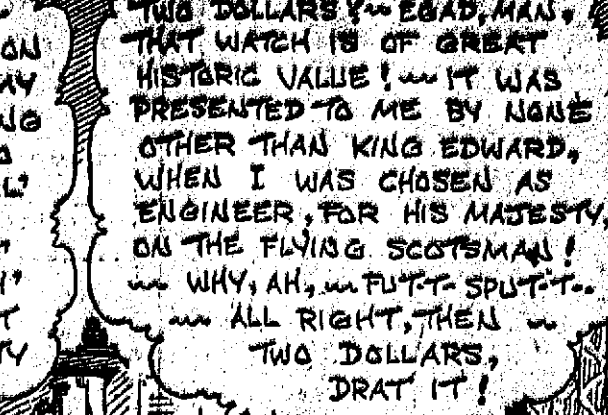


OUR BOARDING HOUSE



ITS 87TH TRIP INTO HOCK

By Ahern



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OUT OUR WAY

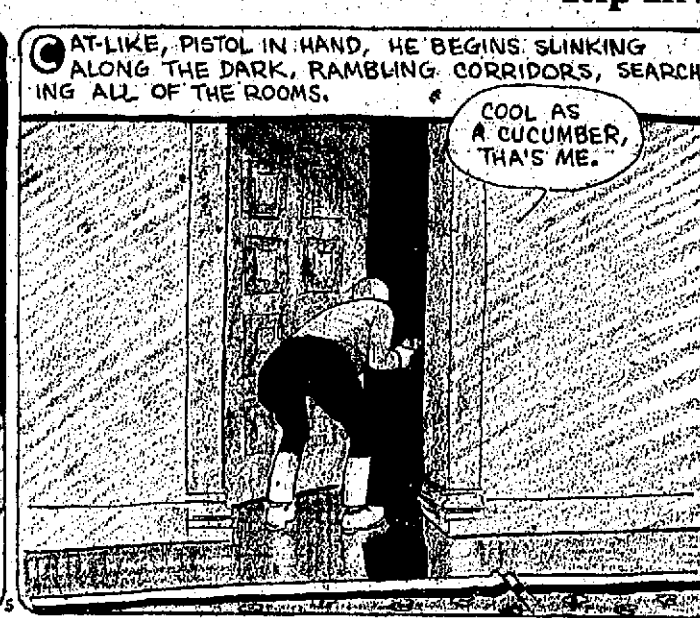


THE WORRY WART

WASH TUBS



AN EERIE FEELING OF DANGER PROMPTS RIP TO STOP SHOUTING FOR WASH AND FRIEDA.



AT-LIKE, PISTOL IN HAND, HE BEGINS SLINKING ALONG THE DARK, RAMBLING CORRIDORS, SEARCHING ALL OF THE ROOMS.

Rip Investigates!



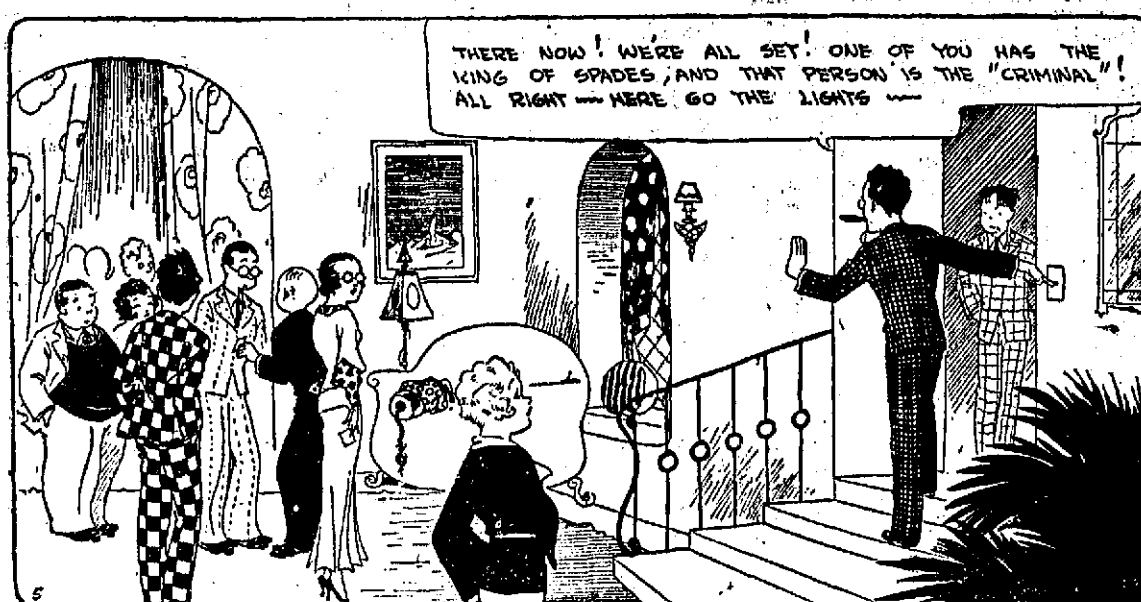
QUEER CREAKS AND GROANS STARTLE HIM. A SINISTER FEELING THAT HIDDEN EYES ARE WATCHING HIM ADDS TO HIS DISCOMFORT, AND HE USES HIS FLASHLIGHT WITH THE UTMOST CAUTION.



SUDDENLY THERE IS A WILD CRASH DOWN THE HALL, AND FIRE'S HIS REVOLVER.

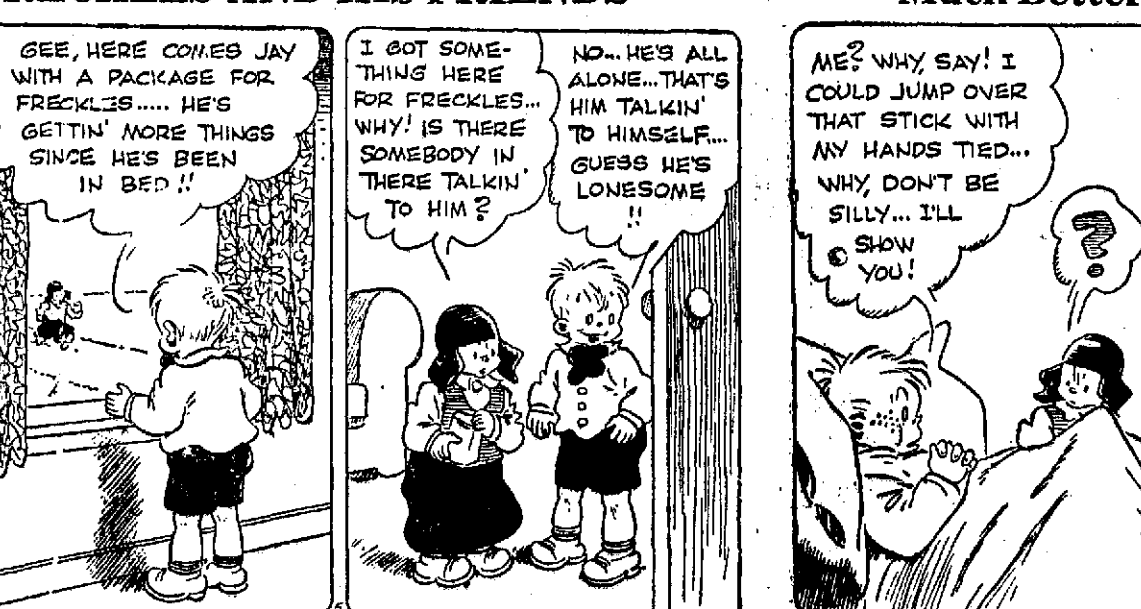
BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Watch Out!



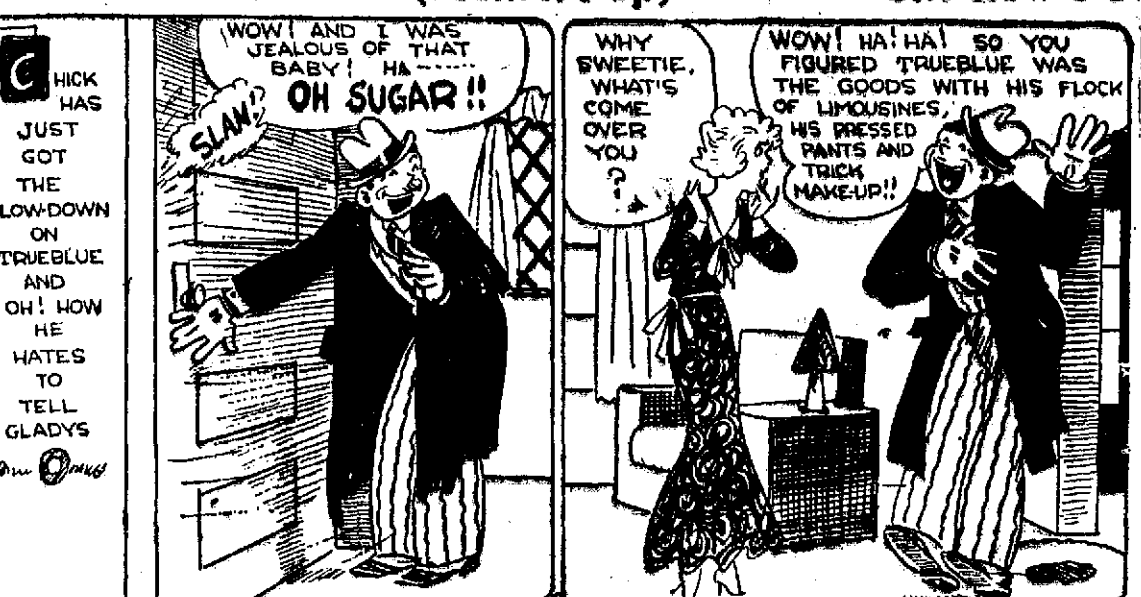
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Much Better, Thank You!



THE NEWFANGLES (Mom'n Pop)

The Low-Down on Trueblue!



By Crane

By Mar

By Bloss

By Cowan

